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"My time with ELAW helped me see that we share similar obstacles to energy planning in the European Union."

Kristina Sabova

ELAW Fellow Kristina Sabova
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ELAW Fellow **Kristina Sabova** leads an international team of lawyers who are working to protect communities in Central Europe from polluting coal plants and advance green energy policy. She was in Eugene this spring for a 10-week Fellowship.

"I worked with the ELAW team to challenge industrial pollution and learn about developments in renewables," says Kristina, who works at the Frank Bold Society, the biggest watchdog organization in the Czech Republic.

They call themselves the Frank Bold Society, because they are "frank" about their reasons and "bold" about their actions.

Kristina's focus is the oldest and most polluting coal plants in the Czech Republic, Poland, and other European Union countries. Together with her colleagues, she works to hold polluters accountable, advocate for cleaner operations, advance air quality management plans,

enforce emissions standards, and help the EU transition from fossil fuels to clean and sustainable energy.

Kristina met one-on-one with ELAW Staff Attorneys and Staff Scientists, and explored the state of renewables with Ray Neff at Oregonians for Renewable Energy Progress (OREP) and Marcus Kauffman, Biomass Resource Specialist, Oregon Department of Forestry. She also participated in a University of Oregon Energy Law Conference in Portland and traveled to Seattle to tour Enwave's Steam Plant and meet with staff at Northwest SEED (Sustainable Energy for Economic Development), the Sierra Club, and Earthjustice.

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